

Sermon Discussion Questions

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Topic: Nehemiah

Scriptures – Nehemiah 6:1-7:4

- Briefly summarize the main points of the sermon.
- What questions do you still have from today's sermon?
- Read Vv. 6:1-4
 - What were Sanballat, Tobiah, and Geshem trying to do in these verses?
 - How did Nehemiah Respond?
 - What distractions or fears keep most Christians from fully committing to God's work in their lives?
- Read 1 Corinthians 15:58 and Philipians 3:13-14
 - How does Paul encourage the reader to persevere through opposition and hardship?
 - Why is it so easy for believers to get distracted from the work of God? What can we do to safeguard ourselves?
- Read Vv. 6:9-14
 - In verse 9, what was the enemy's goal, and how did Nehemiah respond?
 - What specific prayers does Nehemiah offer in these verses? How does this reflect his reliance on God?
 - Who was Shemaiah, and what did he try to convince Nehemiah to do (v. 10)? Why does Nehemiah not listen?
 - What does this passage reveal about the tactics of the enemy when trying to stop God's work?
- Read Proverbs 3:5-6
 - How does Nehemiah reflect these truths in the scriptures above?
 - How do we live out these truths when we face opposition while trying to do the right thing?
- Read Nehemiah 6:15–7:4
 - Why was there so much tension even though they finished the wall?
 - What steps did Nehemiah take to protect the wall and celebrate its completion, even in the face of continued opposition?
 - How should Nehemiah's actions challenge and encourage us?
- Read Proverbs 4:23 & 29:2
 - How does personal righteousness (or lack of it) affect believers' ability to lead and influence?
 - How can you practically guard your heart against distractions, temptations, or corrupt influences?

